

CLAIMS

1. The use of cyclic carbonates corresponding to formula (I):



10 in which R^1 and R^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, linear and branched alkyl groups containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R^2 is a linear or branched alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a CH_2-OR^3 group, as moisturizers in cosmetic preparations.

2. The use claimed in claim 1, characterized in that cyclic carbonates corresponding to formula (I), in which R^1 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R^2 is a CH_2OH group, are used.

- 15 3. The use claimed in claim 1, characterized in that cyclic carbonates corresponding to formula (I), in which R^1 is hydrogen and R^2 is a CH_2OH group (glycerin carbonate), are used.

4. The use claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the cyclic carbonates are used as moisturizers in hair care preparations.

- 20 5. The use claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the cyclic carbonates are used together with oil components and/or emulsifiers.

- 25 6. The use claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the cyclic carbonates are used in quantities of 0.1 to 25% by weight, based on the preparation.

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